



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Eisenberg et al. Art Unit : 1637
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COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 2327
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed February 25, 2003 (hereinafter "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response was initially due May 25, 2003. A Petition for a three-month Extension of Time is included, extending the time to respond to August 25, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendment to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter, Petition for a three-month Extension of Time, check; and
- Postcard.

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